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For: Method And Apparatus For Adhesively Bonding Corner Protectors Onto Picture Frames And The Like

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

This communication as filed in response to an Official Action in the above-identified application, that action having a mailing date of August 28, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 28, 2003. Petition is hereby made for extending the response deadline two months to January 28, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the required \$210.00 two-month extension fee is enclosed.

Remarks

Regarding the rejections of Claims 18, 20-27, and 32-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parcels (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,934) in view of Kuhn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,711,426) and Doll (U.S. Patent No. 3,725,170), the following comments are submitted.

Parcels, U.S. Patent No. 6,018,934 discloses a method and apparatus for attaching a corner protector to a corner of a frame, which includes folding a flat cardboard pre-form around a frame corner to form a corner protector and attaching the corner protector to the frame. The only method for fastening a corner protector to a frame disclosed in Parcels '934 includes use of a staple gun. Parcels '934 does not disclose, or even remotely suggest spraying a first quantity of adhesive onto a frame to secure a flap of a corner protector to the